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TO: Correctional Officials

This Manual has been developed and updated for you by the Commission on Correctional Standards. It has been revised to be more user-friendly and to coincide with the most recent standards promulgated by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. We hope that the Manual will assist you in complying with the regulations. Executive Director Donald Jones and Commission staff will also be available to provide technical assistance to you, so do not hesitate to call upon their services at any time.

Although the Manual has a new appearance, the original emphasis on life, health, safety and constitutional issues prevails. The Commission sincerely hopes that you view the standards not only as requirements that must be met, but as tools to promote sound correctional management principles. We encourage you to use this Manual and staff assistance to incorporate the standards into the daily operations of your facilities.

This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Commission's inception. We have come light years in a short period of time. With your cooperation and participation, the standards and auditing process has consistently been improved. As we continue to make progressive changes to these quality control measures, you will remain an integral part of the process. We look forward to working in partnership with you in the future.

Most Sincerely,

Marie C. Henderson
Chairperson

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cc: Executive Director Donald Jones